

2004 Census Test Fact Sheet

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Northwest Queens, New York

The largest of New York City's five boroughs, Queens is the second most populous county in New York. It had the second fastest population growth rate (14.2%) among New York counties between 1990 and 2000. The predominance of multiunit family structures contributes to the high population density of the area. Queens is the most ethnically diverse county in the United States. You will find many languages other than English spoken by the residents of northwest Queens.

The Queens neighborhoods included in the 2004 Census Test are: Astoria, Long Island City, Jackson Heights, Woodside (part), Elmhurst, East Elmhurst and Corona.

What will the Census Bureau learn from conducting a census test in this area?

- ✓ An insight into how respondents react to the new race and Hispanic-origin questions, including the removal of the "Some other race" option. The test site has a substantial Hispanic/Latino population (48%).
- ✓ The effectiveness of improved definitions and methods for distinguishing between group quarters and housing units and for updating the Census Bureau's Master Address File in a comprehensive, integrated manner.
- ✓ The effectiveness of new methods to improve overall population and housing coverage and for addressing duplication issues.
- ✓ The effectiveness of implementing a mobile computing device system with Global Positioning System technology in the Nonresponse Follow-Up (NRFU) operation, incorporating English and Spanish capabilities and assessing the effect on field operations and data processing.

Type of enumeration for the 2004 Census Test and Census 2000 mail response rate for Queens County:

- ✓ 100 percent mailout/mailback; follow-up with nonrespondents
- ✓ The final mail response rate for Queens County in Census 2000 was 54 percent. The mail response rate for the northwest Queens LCO was 52.2 percent (4/18/00).¹

Expected number of census jobs for Nonresponse Follow-Up and pay rates:

Approximately 650 jobs for crew leaders, enumerators and clerks:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Proposed Hourly Pay Rate</u>
Crew Leader	\$16.00
Enumerator	\$14.50
Clerks	\$11.00

¹ These rates are published on <www.census.gov>. The NW Queens LCO is not equivalent to the 2004 Census Test site in NW Queens.

Some of the largest industries include:

- Health Services
- Transportation
- Service Sector
- Wholesale Trade
- Retail Trade
- Public Utilities
- Government

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Members of Congress who represent this site:

The Honorable Gary Ackerman (New York – 5th District, Democrat)

The Honorable Joseph Crowley (New York – 7th District, Democrat)

The Honorable Carolyn Maloney (New York – 14th District, Democrat)

Interesting facts:

- ✓ The Queens land area is 112.1 square miles, 34.8 percent of New York City's land area. The NW Queens test site is 7.6 square miles.
- ✓ Between 1990 and 2000 the population of Queens grew by 14.2 percent, the second fastest growth among New York counties.
- ✓ Many language, ethnic and recent immigrant groups are represented in the NW Queens site where 61 percent of the population is foreign born.

Land Area Information

7.5 square miles

Demographics

	Queens Borough (county)	NW Queens Test Site
Population, 2000	2,229,379	442,911
Housing units (HUs), 2000	817,250	151,239
Vacancy rate, 2000	4.2%	2.7%
Percent of population by race, 2000	White – 44.1% African-American – 20% Asian – 17.6% American Indian/Alaska native – 0.5% Other race – 11.7% Two or more races – 6.1%	White – 42.4% African-American – 8.6% Asian – 19.5% American Indian/Alaska native – 0.25% Other race – 21.4% Two or more races – 7.3%
Percent of population of Hispanic origin, 2000	Hispanic/Latino – 25%	Hispanic/Latino – 48%
Percent Foreign-born, 2000	46.1	61.0
Median household income, 1999	\$42,439	\$36,508
Unemployment rate, 2001	5.1%	9.2%
Percent Using public transportation to commute to work	47.4	62.5

For further information, you may visit the New York Regional web site at:

www.census.gov/newyork.